

Free the Eagle's  
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# FTE Hot Spots: Where the Action Is

Dear Friend,

I know how outraged and angry you feel about the brutal Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

What will President Reagan do something to stop Soviet terrorism in Afghanistan?

To be perfectly honest, my friend, I think there is one simple reason why our government does nothing to stop the Soviet Union:

It's because certain public officials—namely John McMahon—refuse to carry out American policy.

In a minute, I'll be more specific. But first, let me tell you of the latest events in Afghanistan.

I'm sad to say that events there have taken a turn for the worse lately.

Last month, the Soviets unleashed massive air strikes against the Afghan people—not just against the freedom fighters, but against peaceful civilians as well.



Neal B. Blair

Why? Because Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev wants to wrap up the conquest of Afghanistan. He's anxious to consolidate his power over the Soviet empire.

And he wants to prove to the world he is decisive and ruthless.

Gorbachev wants a quick victory. So he has stepped up his air-born genocide—pounding Afghan villages day after day, burning,

maiming and mutilating thousands of terrified people.

His unchallenged air raids even bomb hospitals, killing hundreds of helpless patients.

Ironically, an overwhelming majority of Americans would gladly give the Afghan freedom fighters the weapons they need to protect themselves from this air-born terror.

President Reagan has pledged to send effective weapons and supplies to the Afghan freedom fighters.

And last October, Congress unanimously voted—for the first time ever—to supply effective aid to the freedom fighters.

Then Congress approved the largest budget ever for a covert paramilitary operation—\$280 million.

Those votes came after Free the Eagle asked many of you last September to write and demand effective aid for the Afghan freedom fighters.

Those letters made a difference!

Yet, despite the Reagan administration's official policy, the unanimous vote of Congress and the overwhelming support of the American people...

Neither our State Department nor the Central Intelligence Agency will send workable weapons to the Afghan freedom fighters!

As we've told you in *State of the Nation*, the weapons the CIA sends the freedom fighters—mortars, rifles, mines, machine guns and hand-held missiles—are old and defective.

And 85 percent of the ammo is of the type that won't pierce the armored gunships that at this very moment are burning, killing and maiming the Afghan people.

It's no wonder Soviet air attacks on Afghan villages are so brazen—and deadly.

Day after day, they maim and mutilate innocent Afghans—men, women and children who have no means to protect themselves.

We could cite many more examples...

Examples of how the CIA has failed to supply the Afghan resistance with effective weapons and supplies...

Examples of how the CIA has failed to carry out the mandate for Afghan aid from the Administration, from Congress and from the American people.

Why does the CIA persist in failing to supply the Afghan freedom fighters with effective weapons?

Who's behind this massive—and deadly—blunder?

To find out, Free the Eagle has done some detective work.

With the help of some of our sources, we tracked down and uncovered the specific individual responsible for this.

His name is John McMahon. He's a deputy director of the CIA—one of the top officials there. And John McMahon has the task of carrying out the administration's Afghan policy.

But for three years, McMahon has pursued his own Afghan policy!

McMahon runs a two-track Afghan program: a program of disinformation and a program of interference.

In secret briefings to congressmen, McMahon has painted a misleading picture of CIA performance in Afghanistan, calling it "outstanding."

Now, perhaps John McMahon thinks he's right. And perhaps he thinks he's doing what's best for America and for the Afghan people.

But the fact is: he's wrong. He's negligent or incompetent, or both.

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John McMahon must go!

Yet only President Reagan and his top advisors can force the State Department and the CIA to obey his administration policy. Congress and the American people.

Thus, the fight for Afghanistan is really not in the Panjshir Valley but rather right here in our own country—behind the doors of the White House.

It's time for the Reagan administration to hold John McMahon accountable!

That's why I ask you to sign the letter on this page to White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, and then return it to me.

It asks Regan to see that Deputy Director John McMahon gets fired—fired for letting down both the Afghan and the American people!

With your help, we can and will oust Mr. McMahon! After all, he works for us!

Over the next three months, we plan to collect 50,000 letters to

Donald Regan—letters like the one on this page. . .

Letters demanding that Mr. McMahon be dismissed.

We will deliver these personally to Donald Regan's office.

So please sign the letter to Donald Regan. Then mail it to Free the Eagle in the postage paid envelope enclosed in this issue of *State of the Nation*.

At the same time, please help us to raise the other 50,000 letters by enclosing your contribution of \$25 or more to Free the Eagle.

The lives of too many innocent people cannot wait any longer.

For your contribution of \$25 or more, we will send you *Afghan Update*, the bulletin of FTE's sister organization, American Afghan Education Fund.

Many in Congress tell us *Afghan Update* is the only source that gives them the full story on the war in Afghanistan and CIA aid to the freedom fighters.

Send your gift of \$25, \$35 or more in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

We will report to you in *State of the Nation* on how our campaign progresses.

Once more, let me thank you for all you have done on behalf of these innocent people. It has been so heart-warming to see your efforts have such an effect in the last year.

So please rush your letter and contribution to us today because:

John McMahon must go!

These people just cannot wait any longer.

Sincerely,



Neal B. Blair  
President

P.S. If you can get others to write White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, please do so. But please sign and return your letter to us today so we can collect and deliver as many letters as possible.

# McMahon Must Go!

Dear Neal,

You're right. John McMahon must go!

I have signed the letter addressed to White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, asking him to see that McMahon gets dismissed.

I am also including an emergency gift to help you in this project:

☐ \$15    ☐ \$25    ☐ \$35    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$100  
☐ \$150    ☐ \$250    ☐ \$500    ☐ \$1,000    ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

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For my contribution of \$25 or more, I understand I will receive *Afghan Update* for six months.

Mr. Donald Regan  
 Chief of Staff  
 The White House  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Regan:

As an American citizen who supports the Afghan freedom fighters, I ask that you see to it that John N. McMahon, a deputy director of the CIA, gets dismissed.

Mr. McMahon has the task of carrying out the administration's policy of aid to the Afghan freedom fighters.

But for three years, McMahon has pursued his own Afghan policy!

McMahon has been identified by congressional sources as failing to carry out in an effective manner the mandate of the Reagan administration. Congress and the American people for effective aid to the Afghan freedom fighters.

Instead, McMahon has run a program of disinformation and interference that prevents effective aid from reaching the Afghan freedom fighters.

To cover up his negligence and incompetence, McMahon has been spreading disinformation. In secret briefings to congressmen, he has painted a misleading picture of CIA performance in Afghanistan, calling it "outstanding."

Anyone with any sense of compassion for the Afghan people would have to agree: Mr. McMahon is crippling the Afghan's struggle for freedom.

As an American citizen, I will not tolerate negligence or incompetence by those charged with guarding my own freedom or anyone else's.

John McMahon must go!

The lives of many innocent people cannot wait any longer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,